collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Oil Reserves

4780. SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA:
SHRI R. DHANUSKODI ATKITHAN:
SHRI GOPINATH GAJAPATHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and natural Gas Commission (ONGC) has found huge oil reserves in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the locations thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to explore Oil from these reserves?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). ONGC has so far established 3767.33 MMT of oil reserves at numerous locations offshore and onshore in the country out of which 1033.10 MMY has been assessed to be recoverable as on 1.1.1991.

In order to increase the rate of exploration from established reserves Government have approved ONGC's projects for the development of Neelam, Mukta and Panna oil field and projects for the additional development of L-II and L-III reservoirs in Bombay High field.

[*Translation*]

Water Distributer Development Centres in Bhopal

4781. SHRI SATYA NARAYANA JATIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up Watershed Development Centre in Bhopal with the assistance of United Nations' agencies;

(b) if so, the area proposed to be covered by the Centre; and

(c) the time by which the Centre is likely to become operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTER IF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMCHANDRAN): (a) to (c). An umbrella project titled "Watershed Based Sustainable Farming System Development in Rainfed Area of India " which includes a component for establishment of a Management Centre has been initiated for UNDP assistance.

[*English*]

Visit by President of Portugal

4782. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE:
SHRI SIMON MARANDI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of Portugal had visited India recenlty;;

(b) if so, the outcome of the talks held by him with Indian leaders;

(c) whether any fresh initiative was taken to strengthen further the political, economic and trade relations between the two countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINGH SOLNKI): (a) Yes, Sir.